

To The Commission or name of official...

*Dear .....*

*Date.....*

My name is .....It's been ---- months since my dismissal from public service and health ministry. I was summarily sacked without receiving any plausible legal explanation for the cause of the dismissal. (TELL YOUR STORY)

During this time period, I'm unable to find proper work to make a decent living. We, the dismissed public workers, were condemned to live a wretched life, deprived of livelihood in the post-coup era. Our passports have been revoked, our health care, social and housing benefits have been canceled. Since the official ban on working in the public sector have been published in the Official Gazette, our status has become a matter of public knowledge.

This factor dented the possibility of finding a decent job in the private sector as well. To make matters worse, our expectation and hope to work at private hospitals failed to materialize after a government-sponsored bill introduced a new ban for the already dismissed doctors to work in the private sector in any capacity. The controversial bill, which was passed by a parliamentary commission this week, completely bans us, on dubious security grounds, from working anywhere in the private sector. The ban extends to include new graduates from medical departments of universities who, according to the government, fail to pass extensive security background check.

It means those who are deemed to "have any link to terrorist organizations or illegal structures" will not be able to perform their profession as doctors. The arbitrary nature of the language of the bill fails to conceal the real motivation behind the recent move, which is to deny any chance or opportunity to the purged workers or their relatives both in the public and private sector.

At first, we largely depended on good graces of our beloved ones, family members and friends rightly after the purge. But by the time, the situation has become untenable. Many of our friends and us had to work clandestinely, in underpaid jobs, like in the construction sites along with workers or as street vendors in bazaars. The report by Amnesty International succinctly details

the hardships and officially-sanctioned discrimination that dismissed public workers face. We are already suffering a psychological and social trauma.

With the hope of a remedy, I applied to the Inquiry Commission, which was established by the government and which was called OHAL Commission in the aftermath of the 2016 coup. But I only received a response nearly a year later. The Commission is simply designed to prolong processing applications rather than offering a quick and thorough review of the dismissal cases. It refused my appeal without presenting any satisfactory and reasonable explanation.

The commission's rejection has shut down all the prospect of a meaningful and tangible remedy in the domestic domain. As a doctor, I'm unable to work either in the public or private sector. We are condemned to abject poverty, and even starvation, in this social and political environment in Turkey. Therefore I bring my case to the European Commission in an effort to obtain an effective remedy given the legal obstacles in Turkey. We urge the Commission to ramp up pressure on Ankara to address our plight before it becomes too late, before many lives lost.

Yours Sincerely,

Signature

Name and your contact info.